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Dear Sir:

A Notice to Comply (copy attached) was mailed 8 September 2004 for the above case. According to this Notice, the Computer Readable Form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing, the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the statement that both are the same are missing. These materials were included with the original application documents that were submitted to and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 30 October 2003 as evidenced by the attached copy of the Postcard Receipt. Consequently, it appears that the USPTO has lost these materials.

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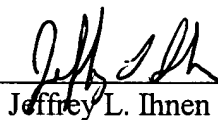
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application and in response to Notice to Comply dated 8 September 2004, please amend it as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.